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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Claims 1 to 12 were included in the application as originally filed. Claims 13 and 14 are added herein, and claim 3 is amended herein. Therefore claims 1 – 14 are currently pending.

No new matter has been added. Specifically, support for the amendment to claim 3 is provided in the specification at page 8, lines 6-10. Support for new claims 13 and 14 is provided in the specification at page 10, lines 12 to 14.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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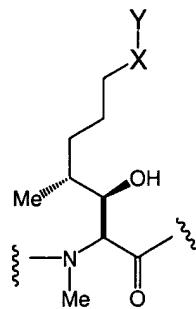
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

3. A cyclosporin analog of formula I according to Claim 1 or a pro-drug or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein ~~in formula I:~~

(i) A is of the formula ~~A1 or A2~~, wherein:



wherein

X is absent; and

Y is selected from a group consisting of:

- i. -C(O)-O-R1 where R1 is hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with halogen, heterocyclics, aryl, C1-C6 alkoxy or C1-C6 alkylthio, halogen substituted C1-C6 alkoxy, halogen substituted C1-C6 alkylthio;
- ii. -C(O)-S-R1 where R1 is hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with halogen, heterocyclics, aryl, C1-C6 alkoxy or C1-C6 alkylthio, halogen substituted C1-C6 alkoxy, halogen substituted C1-C6 alkylthio; and
- iii. C(O)-OCH₂-OC(O)R2 where R2 is C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with halogen,

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C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkylthio,
heterocyclics or aryl;

- (ii) B is - α Abu-; and
- (iii) U is -(D)Ala-.